

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1,            please amend the paragraph starting on line 10 and ending on line 14 of the specification as follows:

The operating unit taken into consideration usually comprises a pump or compressor group with a relative head, an electric control motor and a fan for the motor. The pump group is placed in a body or shell and its head has an air inlet duct, an air outlet duct towards the user unit and ~~[[al]]~~ at least one switch for starting and stopping the unit.

Page 5,            please amend the paragraph starting on line 3 and ending on line 11 of the specification as follows:

According to this arrangement, the mating edges 13', 14' of the two shells 13, 14 of the body 11 have, on one of their parts, ~~[[.]]~~ two recesses, forming together, when the body is closed, a lateral seat 31 to receive the inlet duct 22 with interposition of a seal 32 and, in another of their parts, two slots to form, when the body is closed, a lateral opening 33 to receive and hold the socket, the switch and the plate with fuse for connecting the motor to the electric power supply. At the same time, the top shell 14 has a recess at the top with a hole 34 in the bottom to receive the air outlet duct 23, it also being fitted with a seal 35.

Page 5,            please amend the paragraph starting on line 12 and ending on line 19 of the specification as follows:

With the basic elements, that is to say the body 11 and the pump group 12, configured in this way, assembly of the operating unit can be carried out automatically using mechanical means, fundamentally as a pack -Fig. 1. This is carried out by positioning the group 12 in a first shell, placing the other shell on top of it so that, the air inlet duct 22 fits into its lateral seating 31, the socket and switch in the lateral opening 33 fits between the matching edges of the two shells and the air ~~outlet 23~~ outlet 23 and relative seal in hole 34 at the top of the upper shell, and lastly by fixing the two shells together.